

3. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 2, characterized in that the rotatable, first thrust ring ~~(11)~~ is biased by a compression spring ~~(8)~~ for keeping the balls ~~(12)~~ engaged with the oblique surfaces of the four rings ~~(11, 13, 24, 25)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 3, characterized in that the axial force from the clutch discs ~~(5, 6)~~ is transmitted to and via the balls ~~(12)~~.

5. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, characterized in that the balls ~~(12)~~ are arranged in a circumferential ball holder ~~(12')~~.